

He had no inducement to conceal the hostile intentions of the Winnebagoes, since they had not only openly and boldly avowed them-but had in part carried their threats into execution by attacking the trading establishments below Prairie de Chien---

And I strongly suspect his admonition to be prepared for them was designed by him as a cover to the depredations which he expected his own party would commit---

His sincerity cannot in the least be depended upon--for notwithstanding all his declarations to the contrary the Indians who committed the murders in this territory last year, are certainly of his party, were present at the time I demanded them, have continued to reside with him since and were seen and conversed with by my late messengers.

The alarms and apprehensions of the people are becoming so universal that really I should not be surprized if we should in three months loose more than one half of our present population--In places in my opinion entirely out of danger many are removing--in other parts large settlements are about to be totally deserted--Even in my own neighbourhood several families have removed, and others are preparing to do so in a week or two--A few days past a gentleman of respectability arrived here from Kentucky and he informed me that he saw on the road in one day upwards of twenty waggons conveying families out of the territory--Every effort to check the prevalence of such terror seems to be ineffectual--And although much of it is unreasonably indulged yet it is very certain